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(54) **Surgical instrument for treating female urinary incontinence**

(57) A surgical instrument for treating female urinary incontinence comprises a shank (10) having a handle (11) at one end thereof, and two curved needle-like elements (21A, 21B) which can be connected one at the time with the shank at the other end thereof to form a curved end portion of the shank and are attached at one end thereof each with one end of a netting (26) which is intended to be implanted into the body and is covered by a thin plastic sheath (34).

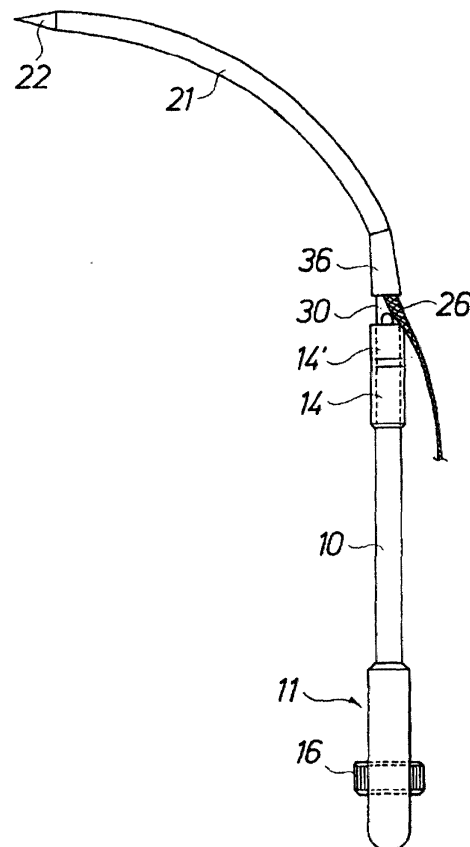


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